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In re Application of: Pope *et al.*

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ANTIGENS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
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This Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the non-final Office action dated June 17, 2003. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before September 17, 2003. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with filing this Amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Please amend the specification as set forth beginning on page 2.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment.